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FY 1999 Resource Enhancements

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Naturalization

The naturalization program received a major boost when Congress and President Clinton approved \$171 million for FY 1999 to reduce application backlogs and further support naturalization activities plus an additional \$5 million for records initiatives. The funding includes existing INS and Department of Justice funds and, for the first time (since the inception of the Examinations Fee account), \$60 million in appropriated resources. It will provide for 200 new term adjudicators, 100 Immigration Information Officers at the Service Centers to assist with application processing, a national telephone customer service center and the centralization of 25 million paper files that are currently housed in 80 offices nationwide.

Distribution of Officers for Naturalization Processing

Location	FY 98 Staffing	FY 99 Increase	Total Staffing
<i>Adjudicators (Term)</i>			
Boston District	10	11	21
Chicago District	24	15	39
Dallas District	10	8	18
Houston District	9	10	19
Los Angeles District	94	56	150
Miami District	71	25	96
New York District	68	40	108
San Francisco District	53	35	88
TOTAL	339	200	539
<i>Immigration Information Officers</i>			
California Service Center	61	38	99
Nebraska Service Center	93	14	107
Texas Service Center	45	15	60
Vermont Service Center	72	33	105
TOTAL	271	100	371